

Remarks

Rejection of the claims under 35 USC §102:

Claims 7, 8, 19, and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Greenstein et al. (Journal of Biological Chemistry 1950, Vol. 182, p. 451-456). Applicants have amended the claims to obviate the rejection. Specifically, Applicants have amended claims 7 and 19 to recite reactive groups delete the term “alkyl halide”. In view of the amendment, Applicants request reconsideration of this §102 rejection.

The Examiner's rejections are now believed to be overcome by this response to the Office Action. In view of Applicants' amendment and arguments, it is submitted that claims 7, 8, 19, and 20 should be allowable.

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